## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi KANAYAMA et al.

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For: SLIDING BEARING FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 31, 2001

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2001 for two months from October 31, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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